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1. (Previously Presented) A method for monitoring communications usage, comprising:

receiving a call directed to a virtual telephone number in a service-providing network, the call originating from a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony service, the virtual telephone number associated with a dialed telephone number in the native transport network, the service-providing network providing intelligent services to said call, wherein the virtual telephone number utilizes the intelligent services provided by the service-providing network;

routing said call to the separate native transport network for termination; and monitoring a duration of said call traversing the service-providing network.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising monitoring a status of said call.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising routing said call to an original destination via the separate native transport network.
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said service-providing network is a network selected from the group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the virtual telephone number to a wireless telephone number existing in the native transport network.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the virtual telephone number to another telephone number existing in the native transport network.

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- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said native transport network is a network selected from the group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a telecommunications provider of said native transport network for said monitoring.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a subscriber based on said duration of said call.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A system for monitoring communications usage, the system operative to:

receive a call directed to a virtual telephone number in a service-providing network, the call originating from a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony service, the virtual telephone number associated with a dialed telephone number in the native transport network, the service-providing network providing intelligent services to said call, wherein the virtual telephone number utilizes the intelligent services provided by the service-providing network;

route said call to the separate native transport network for termination; and monitor a duration of said call traversing the service-providing network.

- 12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further operative to monitor a status of the call.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further operative to route said call to an original destination via the separate native transport network.

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- 14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further operative to associate the virtual telephone number to another telephone number existing in the native transport network.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further operative to associate the virtual telephone number to a packet voice-based telephone number existing in the native transport network.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said service-providing network comprises an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN).
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said service-providing network comprises a packet-switching network.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the service-providing network modifies messages accompanying the call so that the call is not routed back to the service-providing network in an endless loop.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the service-providing network modifies caller information associated with the call.
- 20. (New) A computer program product comprising processor-executable instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

receiving a call directed to a virtual telephone number in a service-providing network, the call originating from a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony service, the virtual telephone number associated with a dialed telephone number in the native transport network, the service-providing network providing intelligent services to said call, wherein the virtual telephone number utilizes the intelligent services provided by the service-providing network;

routing said call to the separate native transport network for termination; and

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monitoring a duration of said call traversing the service-providing network.